

Unit 2: Collection 3

Literary Focus

SKILL BUILDER

LITERARY GENRE: RENAISSANCE POETRY Write words from the word bank to complete the sentences below. Not all words will be used.

rhyme schemes	classicism	educate	pleasures	realm
rebirth	humanism	pastoral	published	music

1. *Renaissance* is a term that means _____.
2. A great deal of Renaissance poetry was based on the philosophy of _____ and the notion that one person can make a difference.
3. The writers of the Renaissance period wanted to help _____ people as well as help people to understand the natural world.
4. Many poets of the Renaissance era tried to mimic the elaborate poetic patterns of ancient writers, including their subject matters, line lengths, and _____.
5. Many Renaissance poems included _____ themes about country life.
6. Poems of the Renaissance often had a lyrical feel, in part because they were often accompanied with _____.
7. While poetry of the Middle Ages had often focused on the rewards of the next life, poetry of the Renaissance was more likely to focus on the _____ of this world.
8. The rediscovery and influence of ancient Greek and Roman writings was called _____.